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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. TAUSCHER).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 28, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ELLEN O. TAUSCHER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, architect of the universe and advocate for us all, each day is a blessing.

When we rise from sleep, activities of the day stir the mind. Having a job to fulfill sets us into routine as a people with purpose.

Daily work, O Lord, invites us to demonstrate responsibility and manifests our participation in Your creative power. Mind and body together become engaged in productivity, sustenance, or service beyond ourselves.

Because we believe human work bestows a special dignity upon a person and is a way to achieve a just society, we know how important it is for us to pray for the unemployed and their families.

Bless the work of Congress today. May this chosen labor be creative, prove responsible, have lasting results, and give You glory now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. DRIEHAUS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DRIEHAUS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches from each side of the aisle.

### IT'S TIME TO START LOOKING OUT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND PASS H.R. 1

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. A 93-year-old man freezes to death in his home because he can't pay the electric bill. A family of seven perishes in a murder-suicide over financial- and job-related matters. A 90-year-old woman tries to kill herself when the sheriff arrives to take her house. And a 75-year-old woman is buried today after predatory lenders drove her to suicide.

More and more Americans are being driven to desperation over losing their jobs and their homes. This economy is literally killing people. The banks get a \$700 billion bailout as they continue to kick people out of their homes. We must get help directly to the American people.

There are good reasons to question the \$825 billion stimulus, but there's no good reason to oppose it. Not when every crooked interest in this country has been in a long parade at the public trough while factories are shut, jobs are lost, and homes are foreclosed. Congress must act today for the people. We must come back again and again with more comprehensive jobs programs to rebuild infrastructure, fund education including preschool, and create universal health care. We must gain control of our money system and stop taxpayers from being robbed by the banks. The banks already have \$700 billion and are looking for another trillion.

It's time we started to look out for number one, the American people, and pass H.R. 1 for the American people and get the American people back some of their money.

### JUST PLANE STUPID—CITIGROUP IS ENJOYING SPENDING TAX- PAYER MONEY

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the big fat cat executives of Citigroup are busy spending taxpayer bailout money on a brand new luxury jet.

That's right, Madam Speaker. Citigroup claimed it was on the brink of financial disaster, then demanded and took \$45 billion from the taxpayers through government giveaways. Now they're buying a new \$50 million jet. And did I mention this swanky jet is made in France?

Madam Speaker, the arrogance and ignorance of the "Big Banking Boys Gang" is astonishing. While average Americans are hunkering down worried about their jobs, food, clothes, and mortgage payments, these irresponsible executives are blowing millions on high-dollar toys.

It's about time the elites in the financial industry quit acting like

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